

**Minutes of the CSC Organic Division Annual General Meeting
May 29, 2000 Calgary**

The meeting was called to order by Andrew Bennet at 4:45 pm.

1. The minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the CSC Organic Division from June 1, 1999 were distributed. A motion (McIntosh/Keay) to adopt the minutes was passed.
2. The only item arising from the minutes was an announcement that Mark Workentin (University of Western Ontario) has assumed responsibility for the Division web page (<http://publish.uwo.ca/~mworkent/orgdiv/>).
3. The report of the Chair was made by Andrew Bennet. A short financial report was made. The Division is in good shape financially. \$10,000 has been invested to supply income to support the Lemieux Student awards. More than \$26,000 was raised to support the Division program at CSC2000 in Calgary. The Division will finish the year with at least \$15,000 in working capital. Jim Charlton, who manages the Division's investments, reported that the Division has \$40,000 in investments which yield approximately \$2,500 a year in income.
4. A motion (MacDonald/Fyles) to accept the financial statement was passed.
5. The chair, Andrew Bennet, made a special plea to members to raise awareness of the Ichikizaki and Bader awards. The Ichikizaki award is for young organic or bio-organic chemists to travel to international conferences. The Bader undergraduate awards are for undergraduates graduating in organic chemistry. Both of these awards are undersubscribed and we risk losing them if applications are not forthcoming! More information will be circulated via the E-mail list server.
6. A motion (Workentin/Pinto) to increase Division support for undergraduate conferences from \$250 to \$400 was passed with little discussion.
7. Jim Charlton presented a report from the CSC Board of Directors. The report is appended as an attachment.
8. There was a substantial discussion on the diversity of symposia in the organic programs at CSC conferences. There was particular concern that physical organic chemistry was not adequately represented. There was general agreement that future chairs for the Organic program should be encouraged to make every effort to solicit symposia from all areas of Organic Chemistry, including physical organic.
9. The nominations for the new executive (2000-2001) were presented. A motion (Workentin/Gottardo) to approve the nominations was passed. The new executive will be
 - Chair - Dr. Brian Keay
 - Vice Chair - Dr. Marek Majewski
 - Program Chair and Treasurer - Dr. Andre Charette
 - Secretary - Dr. Stephen G. Withers
 - CSC Board Rep. - Dr. Jim Charlton
 - Past Chair - Dr. Andrew Bennet
 - ACSDOC Exec. Rep. - Dr. Victor Snieckus

- Dr. Stephen Horne - Brantford Chemical Ltd.
- Dr. Sue Abrams - National Research Council of Canada

10. A motion (MacIntosh/Fyles) to ratify the actions of the executive over the last year was passed.

11. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:30 pm.

CSC Board of Directors Report from Board Meeting May 27, 2000
J. Charlton

The following are items arising at the board meeting that I thought might be of interest to the Organic Division of the CSC.

1. Graduate students that have joined the CIC/CSC may find that their membership category is classed as Associate (ACIC) rather than member (MCIC). This will happen if they neglected to provide information about their degree in chemistry. Members that are classified as ACIC but believe they should be MCIC should contact the head office.
2. The CSC meeting in 2003 will be held in conjunction with the IUPAC general assembly and congress in Ottawa. Bryan Henry (University of Guelph, chmhenry@uoguelph.ca) is the program chair. If you have ideas for an overall theme for the scientific program you should make them know to Bryan.
3. In the past CIC members have been able to attend ACS conferences at the ACS member rate. There is a proposal to change this. The CSC executive will make representation to the ACS that they continue with the old policy since the CSC allows ACS members to register at our conference at CSC member rates.
4. The CSC had a slight budget excess in the past year. Membership decline has leveled off.
5. Meetings have been held with ACPO and OCQ (professional chemist's organizations in Ontario and Quebec) to
 - Adopt uniform standards for membership
 - Adopt uniform codes of ethics
 - Register a standard trademark of "Professional Chemist"

The object of these meetings is to coordinate the "professional chemists" organizations in each province so that there will be uniformity across the country in what is considered to be a "professional chemist".
6. The CSC executive has been very active in lobbying. The increase in federal funding for research in science (CFI, millennium chairs, etc.) has been due, in part, to the determined lobbying of many groups, including the CSC. If members wish the CSC to lobby on their behalf, they should forward their concerns to the executive. The board has empowered the executive committee to make decisions on which issues it will (or will not) promote.
7. The new combinatorial grant program has been successfully launched. Two grants were awarded this year. There have been some problems with issues such as overhead, intellectual property rights and indemnification for damages, but these are slowly being resolved.
8. Student members have requested that the CSC be more active in career counseling. Members are very much encouraged to provide career counseling to students whenever possible.
9. Although there was a motion last year to investigate new on-line registration software nothing has yet been done. Hermes will be used for the Montreal CSC

- meeting in 2001. If anyone knows of software that is superior to Hermes they should make the information available to head office.
10. The question of a joint CSC/CSCChE joint conference was again raised (2004?). The response from members at the Organic Division AGM was negative.
 11. Dr. Ledwith, president of the Royal Society of Chemistry, addressed the Board. He made the observation that government grants in the UK now require that students working under such grants take a one week course in communication skills. This action is to address the problem that many students graduate with insufficient communication skills.

Comments from the CSC Board Meeting of May 31, 2000
Jim Charlton

The following are comments on items arising at the CSC Board meeting near the end of the CSC2000 conference.

1. There has been a proposal to create a new Division of Biochemistry. There was considerable discussion about how biochemists might be accommodated within the current divisional structure. Neither the Organic Division nor the Biological and Medicinal Division really cover biochemistry. Would the Organic Division be prepared to expand to "Organic and Biochemistry" division?
2. There was a discussion of the expanding number of awards and the cost of administering these awards. There is a tremendous amount of work that goes on behind the scene in choosing selection committees, duplicating and distributing material to the committees, and hosting the awards dinner. It has been suggested that certain divisions might like to administer some of their awards themselves. We already do this for the Ichikizaki awards and the student awards.